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## *Iowa's parks, resources and economy at risk*

DES MOINES – State Senator Dennis Black of Newton, chair of the Agriculture and Natural Resources budget committee, today said the House Republican budget for this area fails to protect Iowa's parks, natural resources and economy.

“Both the Agriculture Department and the Department of Natural Resources return far, far more to state coffers than we invest in their budgets,” Black said. “Tourism, hunting, fishing and other activities bring people to Iowa to spend money across the state. If we fail to maintain our state parks, protect our air and water, and encourage smart, long-term farming practices, Iowa's greatest assets will become a black eye that discourages future investment and lowers the quality of life for all Iowans.”

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